

House Resolution No. 3068

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have assisted state government in providing its services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, Joan M. Solomon is the Coordinator of School Improvement Initiatives/Caring Communities, a leadership position which she will draw to a close on June 30, 2003, after twenty-three years with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, the former Director of Urban Education, Joan Solomon has been closely associated down through the years with such important educational undertakings as the Missouri Accelerated School Project, Network of High Schools with Results, Blue Ribbon and Gold Star Schools Recognition Programs, Caring Communities, and the Students At Risk Conference; and

Whereas, Joan Solomon has demonstrated unparalleled abilities with regard to grant proposals, including the successful pursuit of funding from the Integration of School Reform and Caring Communities Danforth Grant, Public Safety Challenge Grant, Superintendents Working Group Grant, and State Farm Insurance Companies Gold Star Schools Grant; and

Whereas, recipient of a State Liaison of the Year Award from the United States Department of Education, Joan Solomon has also earned an Interagency Service Award and a Henry M. Levin Inquiry Award; and

Whereas, Joan Solomon is the beloved wife of Warren and a loving mother and grandmother who somehow has found the time to engage herself in the important work of the ParentLink Coalition, Danforth Policymakers Program, Education Policy Fellowship Program, Danforth Successful Schools Program, Governor's Policy Academy on Managing Systems Change in Education, National Accelerated Schools Policy Advisory Board, KIDS COUNT in Missouri, and National and Missouri Staff Development Councils:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join to commend the leadership and labors of Joan Solomon and to convey to her this legislative body's sincerest best wishes as she shifts the focus of her daily life to those pursuits suitable for her newfound status as a retiree; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joan M. Solomon, as an expression of our esteem for her and her career accomplishments.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3068, adopted May 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker